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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDS

SUBJECT: Black Employees

One of my old news pals is Simeon Booker, Chief of the Washington Bureau of Ebony. I may be luncheoning with him soon. Do you have any statistics on our overt black employees? How do we compare statistically with the rest of the Government? Do we have some bright, or significant, or interesting, or otherwise news-worthy overt black employee whom I might wish to mention to Booker if he asks me whether we have a Negro employee who might be a fit subject for inclusion in the Speaking of People Section of Ebony. I attach a sample of the section from November 1971 issue of Ebony.



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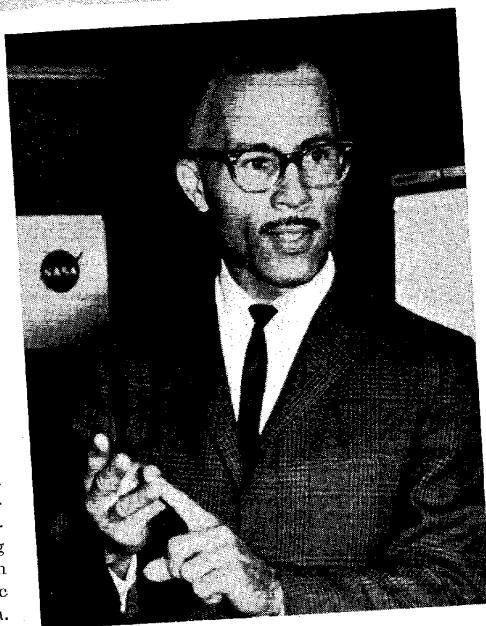


AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY SUPERVISOR

Jo Holmes Young is assembly structural transport supervisor for Lockheed-California Co. in Burbank, Calif. With a staff of 22, she directs the final structural assembly of all wings and horizontal and vertical stabilizers before installation into the P-3C Navy aircraft. Mrs. Young (shown with electrical leadman, Dave Maledin) began working for the firm 20 years ago as a file clerk and advanced by "hard work and dedication" with the assistance of special company-sponsored courses. She lives with her husband, Ted, in Los Angeles, enjoys church modeling.

VALUE ENGINEER

Ernest A. Bouey value engineer program manager for General Electric Co.'s Re-entry and Environmental Systems Division (RES-D) in Philadelphia, develops and implements the engineering policies and procedures that reduce costs and improve GE products. Bouey, the first black GE engineer, began working for the company 25 years ago in the research department and after spending time in the manufacturing and systems division was promoted to his present position. He enjoys lecturing on civil rights, lives with his wife, Jo, and their three children in Philadelphia.



PUBLISHING FIRM PROJECT MANAGER

Bobby L. Jones, 33, project manager for McGraw-Hill Book Co. in Manchester, Mo., plans, organizes, implements and directs school district programs for the more effective use of school materials and facilities. A liaison between the textbook company and the school district, he also coordinates the company's consulting services and suggests methods to strengthen community-school relationships. Jones holds a master's degree in education from Tennessee State. Single, he lives in Manchester. He also sings professionally with the Royal Gospel Singers.



OF PEOPLE

MORTGAGE COMPANY MANAGER

Ida C. Fisher, vice-president and general manager for Associated Mortgage Co. in Chicago, supervises an operation that entails more than \$15 million in FHA multi-family house financing. She works daily with the builders, developers, architects, attorneys and FHA officials to arrange the financing for home construction as well as coordinates the proposed housing with the existing community. She is also an assistant vice president of Associated Mortgage Inc., the parent firm. Mrs. Fisher and husband, Herbert, have two children. Music, reading are among her hobbies.



METAL PHOTO FIRM TROUBLE SHOOTER

Elbert L. Patrick, 38, technical representative for Metalphoto Corp. in Cleveland, is the trouble shooter and chief problem solver for the photo sensitive metal company's new clients. Patrick, shown with sales coordinator Dave Cameron, also conducts training sessions in the operation, maintenance and repair of the company's products throughout North and South America and is considered the only black with his position in the field. A photographer by profession, Patrick has won several photo awards and includes billiards and music among his hobbies.

NURSING COORDINATOR

Joan M. Bundley, a nursing coordinator, directs the activities for some 140 nurses at Evanston (Ill.) Hospital. Her duties include evaluating the performance of all nursing personnel and collaborating with the hospital administration and physicians in planning total patient care. A nurse for more than 13 years, Mrs. Bundley trained for her R.N. certificate at St. Vincent School of Nursing in Connecticut. She also holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Northwestern University. Recently married, she lives with her husband, Cortez, in Evanston, enjoys skiing.

